GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4494
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
PRIVATE TELECOM OPERATORS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private telecom operators in Bihar have not paid their dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the areas affected in the State thereby;

(c) the details of defaulting companies which are yet to clear their dues in the State;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the extent to which the telecom services/facilities have been effected due to non-cooperation of these private telecom companies;

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The details of companies, type of service provided by them, Service Area and license fee dues outstanding as on 31.3.2000 are shown in Annexure.

(d) to (f): The details in respect of the licensees mentioned at Sl.no.1,2 and 3 in the Annexure are as follows:

1. In case of M/s Koshika, the license was terminated on 22.5.99 because of non-payment of dues. There is another operator namely M/s Reliance, licensed for the same Service Area andtherefore the users of the service have a fall back option. However, on 17.4.2000 an offer has been given to the company for the restoration of its terminated license and migration to New Telecom Policy, 1999 regime, subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions.

2. The Radio Paging Service Operators, have raised several issues viz. Reduction in committeelicense fee, payment of outstanding license fee in instalments over a longer time at concessional interest rate, implementation of Calling Party Pays(CPP) regime, reduction of WPC chargesetc., which are under active consideration of the sub-group on resolution of subsisting problems, constituted by the Group of Telecom and IT Convergence. Meanwhile, the operators have been asked to pay their current dues(4th Year onwards) immediately. The services are operational.

3. The amount shown pertains to the current dues of M/s Mobilcom and the licensee is beingreminded for making the payment. The service has not been affected.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 4494 FOR 24.4.2000 REGARD PRIVATE TELECOM OPERATORS.

ANNEXURE

Details of licensees operating in Bihar and defaulting in payment of license fees

(Rs.in Crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Service Area	Service Amount Outstanding as on 31.3.2000
1.	M/s Koshika	Bihar (Circle)	62.38
CMTS			

2. Radio Paging (Cities) M/s Beltron Patna 0.09

3. -do- M/s Easy Call Patna 0.09

4. Public Mobile Radio Trunk Service M/s Mobilcom Dhanbad 0.01

The amount shown do not include interest on overdue payments. This license was terminated for default in payment of license fee on 22.5.99. On 17.4.2000 an offer has been given to this licensees for restoration and Migration to NTP-99 regime.Amount of license fee due shown is in terms of the Migration Package thus offered. Apart from this amount, license fee (as revenue share) for 4th and 5th year is also due.